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APPLICANT : PLESTENJAK, J.
Serial No. : 09/ 554,032
Filed : May 4, 2000
For : A Drying Device
Examiner : N/A
Art Unit : N/A

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January 7, 2003

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Attn: PCT Legal Office:

Applicant had previously submitted a Petition for a revival under 37 CFR 1.137(a) which was supported by a Declaration of the undersigned dated August 1, 2002. A decision on Petition dated December 23, 2002 dismissed the earlier Petition for having failed to (a) provide a statement attesting that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicated that the papers were not received; and (b) not providing copies of the docket record where the notification of June 19, 2002 would have been entered.

The attached Declaration attests to the fact that Applicant's attorney responsible for this application has carefully reviewed the office file and found no copy of the missing Notification of a Defective Oath or Declaration letter dated June 19, 2000 (other than the copy that was sent with the Notification of Abandonment letter dated July 12, 2002). Copies of the docket record

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from this firm are also attached.

Applicant is also resubmitting a photocopy of the attorney's Declaration of August 1, 2002 with this Petition under Rule 181 which includes a further detailed explanation of the relevant facts in order to complete the record for this renewed petition.

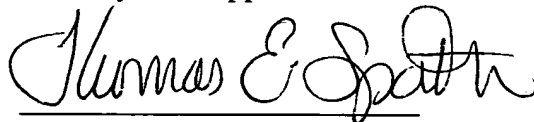
We believe that all of the formal requirements established by the rules and Official Gazette notice referred to in the prior Decision have been satisfied. Favorable consideration and prompt action on this Petition are respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the small entity Petition fee is attached. Should any additional fees be required in connection with this matter, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this firm's deposit account No. 01-0035 for the deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorneys for Applicant

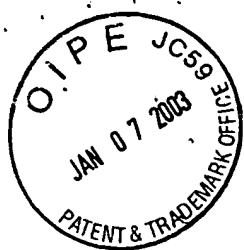
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DECLARATION OF THOMAS E. SPATH
IN SUPPORT OF RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

Thomas E. Spath declares as follows:

1. I am the attorney principally responsible for the prosecution of this application and have been actively engaged in practice before the Patent and Trademark Office for over thirty years.
2. A Notification of Abandonment was mailed July 12, 2002 stating that applicant had failed to respond to a Notification of Missing Requirements, mailed June 19, 2000. A copy of the June 19, 2000 Notification of Defective Oath or Declaration form was attached to the abandonment notice.
3. As the attorney principally responsible for the prosecution of this application, I have carefully and thoroughly reviewed this firm's office file jacket for any indication that the Notification of June 19, 2000 was timely received. I found no such copy of that Notification

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in the file jacket, or any correspondence to the foreign applicant's representative indicating that such a Notice had been received. In fact, the inventor's executed Declaration was in the file and, in accordance with standard operating practice, we were awaiting the issuance of that Notification so that the executed Declaration could be returned to the Office. I also reviewed the firm's docket record for this application and found no entry for the June 19, 2000 action.

4. The firm utilizes a computer-based program licensed by a vendor under the trademark PATTSY to maintain its docket of cases pending before the U.S. PTO and other foreign patent offices. Attached are copies of the relevant docket entries for this application. As can be seen from these copies, the docket clerk made no entry of the Notification. Since the docket clerk routinely opens all incoming official communications and reviews them for entry on the docket, I have concluded that the Notification was not received in the ordinary course of business.

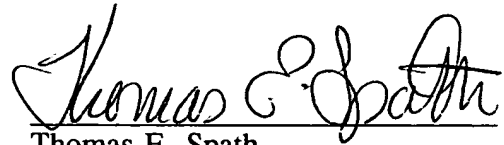
5. As requested in the Decision of December 23, 2002, I am also attaching a listing of office actions that were due on June 19, 2000 from the patent docket computer records database. No record of the Notification appears in this listing.

6. Based upon the above facts, it is apparent that the failure to respond to the outstanding office action was unavoidable, since the original action was never delivered to this firm by the U.S. Postal Service.

I understand that any false statements and the like so made herein are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any registration

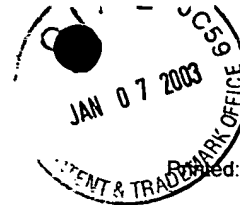
issuing thereon, and I declare that the facts set forth above are true, and that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Date: January 7, 2003


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ACTIONS DUE BETWEEN 06/19/2000 AND 06/19/2000



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REFERENCE#	MARK/TITLE	ACTION	BASE DT	DUE DT	FINAL	RESPONSE	ATTY1 / ATTY2 PARA
308,413	SOFT NITRILE RUBBER FORMULA REQUEST EXAMINATIO		06/19/1997	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	05/23/2000	JSC / JSC / ES
308,412	SOFT NITRILE RUBBER FORMULA REQUEST EXAMINATIO		06/19/1997	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	05/23/2000	JSC / JSC / ES
204,588	CHARITY VIA NETWORKED INTER LTR RE: FILING RPT		05/15/2000	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	06/01/2000	JSC / JSC / ES
204,587	PAY CONTENT FOR ITEMS SUCH LTR RE: FILING RPT		05/15/2000	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	06/01/2000	JSC / JSC / ES
204,541	SYSTEM FOR COMPUTERIZING, R STATUS CHECK		04/19/2000	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	06/19/2000	TES / TES / ES
308,139	SOCCER COURT	ANNUITY DUE	06/19/1999	06/19/2000	12/19/2000	06/19/2000	TES / TES / ES*
308,135	SOCCER COURT	ANNUITY DUE	06/19/1999	06/19/2000	12/19/2000	06/08/2000	TES / TES / ES*

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SC	N	STATUS CHECK	05/04/2000	18M	11/04/2001	0	11/04/2001	0		1M	N	Y	N

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	WO	PCT/SI98/00008	03/30/1998	NATIONAL PHASE	APPL
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